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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

Implementation of Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to interconnected VoIP.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, May 23, 2007, Danielle Jafari and Rebecca Schwartz, representing the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), spoke with Nicholas Alexander, Acting Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate. TIA expressed its position on the application of Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). TIA stated that it is currently working with the disability community to voluntarily develop accessibility features and satisfy all parties within the parameters of what is reasonable and technically feasible. TIA urged the Commission to refrain from applying any unnecessary regulations that would impede or defeat the purpose of these efforts.

Further, TIA urged that the Commission await a decision on this matter from the Access Board, originally named Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under Section 255 of the Act. The Access Board's Advisory Committee, officially known as the Telecommunications & Electronic and Information Technology Advisory Committee (TEITAC) has been holding meetings throughout the last year to address these very issues. The participants include representatives from industry, from the disability community, and from TIA. The Advisory Committee is expected to release its report to the Access Board in September, after which time the Access Board may unilaterally implement these guidelines.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, a copy of this submission is being provided to Mr. Alexander. Please contact the undersigned with any questions in connection with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Danielle Jafari

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Danielle Jafari

cc:  
Nicholas Alexander